Statement

Name of the persons on the Governing Body

1.	Mrs. Vijaya Prasad	Chairman
2.	Mrs. Vijaya Anand	Secretary
3.	Mrs. Shailaja Jayakrishnan	Treasurer
4.	Mrs. Ammu Paul	Joint Secretary

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5. Mrs. Usha Srinivasan
6. Mrs. Gauri Tripathi
7. Mrs. Vijay Zutshi
8. Mrs. Anjula Tandon
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10. Mrs. Omee Srivastava
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12. Mrs. Vijay Agnihotri
13. Mrs. Pratima Verma

Tri-Service Far Eastern Command at Port Blair

3672. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given permission for a tri-service Far Eastern Command (FEC) at Port Blair;

(b) if so, whether this would strengthen Indian forces' maritime surveillance capabilities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) to (c) At present, the Fortress Commander Andaman and Nicobar (FORTAN), established in 1977, coordinates the operation of the Defence Forces and the Coast Guards in the islands. A proposal to upgrade this to a Far Eastern Naval Command is under active consideration of the Government.